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Dear Mr. DeVillars & Mr. Elliott,

I was about to say that I do not usually address letters jointly to federal officials and company CEOs, but I realized that that would be inaccurate -- I never write such letters, until now. But I was so favorably impressed by the way Aerovox and the New England Region of EPA worked together to come to the agreement which you were just able to announce that I wanted to express my admiration to you both, to congratulate you for giving a superb example of how government and business should relate to each other to pursue societal goals while maximizing economic activity that I thought it best to address this letter to both of you. I hope this very successful effort will get a great deal of attention, although the sad fact is that if your efforts at working things out had been unsuccessful, and the company was forced to take some drastic steps, it probably would have been bigger news than your agreement.

I regret this, because the excellent, constructive work you engaged in should be recognized, and even more importantly, because this ought to be available to people as a model of how important sectors of our society can work together. Thanks to both of you for your determination to work together until we could resolve this in such a satisfactory manner.


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